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SUBJECT: TURKISH MILITARY EXERCISES IN THE AEGEAN

REF. ATHENS 2312 (NOTAL)

1. GREEK DCM CONDOURIOTIS CALLED ON DEP OFF (EUR) MARCH
16 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON GREEK POSITION
ON ISSUE OF MARCH 21-28 TURKISH EXERCISES IN AEGEAN.
CONDOURIOTIS STRESSED THAT GREECE WAS NOT ASKING FOR ANY
US ACTION BUT SIMPLY WANTED TO KEEP US INFORMED. SIMILAR
PRESENTATIONS ARE BEING MADE IN BONN, LONDON, PARIS, AND
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MOSCOW, AND AT NATO.

2. CONDOURIOTIS STRESSED THAT GREEKS DID NOT CONTEST
TURKISH RIGHT TO HOLD EXERCISES IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS
AND AIRSPACE. IN INTEREST OF CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC GREEKS HAD
REQUESTED TURKS TO HALT EXERCISES EARLIER IN DAY, LOWER
MAXIMUM ALTITUDE FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS, COORDINATE WITH

LEMNOS AND RHODES AIRPORTS WHEN IN AIRPORT CONTROL AREAS, AND MAKE SLIGHT MODIFICATION IN EXERCISE AREAS WHERE THESE SEEMED TO CUT INTO ISLANDS' TEN MILE TERRITORIAL AIR SPACE.

3. AS NOTED REFTTEL, GOT HAS REFUSED THESE GREEK REQUESTS. GREEK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, AS RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION FOR FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION, WILL ISSUE NOTAMS COVERING AREA REQUESTED BY TURKEY BUT WILL CURTAIL DAILY DURATION OF EXERCISE BY TWO HOURS, SPECIFY LOWER CEILING FOR AIR OPERATIONS AND NOTE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH GREEK AIRFIELDS AND AVOID GREEK TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE.

4. COMMENT: CONDOURIOTIS GAVE NO INDICATION THAT GREEKS INTEND TO REACT FURTHER. HE FOCUSED ON WHAT GREEKS REGARD AS DISTURBINGLY PREEMPTORY CHARACTER OF TURKISH ACTIONS AT TIME WHEN NEGOTIATIONS ON AEGEAN ISSUES ARE UNDERWAY.
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